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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT
(DA&M)

SUBJECT: Advisory Council on Dependents' Education (ACDE) Charter Renewal

References: (a) 20 USC § 929, "Advisory Council on Dependents' Education"

(b) DoD Instruction 5105.04, "Department of Defense Federal Advisory Committee Management Program," August 6, 2007

In accordance with reference (a), the Advisory Council on Dependents' Education (ACDE) is a federal advisory committee established, in part, to make recommendations to the Director, Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) with respect to general policies for the operation of the defense dependents' education system (DoDEA's overseas school system). The ACDE's charter expired on February 21, 2010. In accordance with reference (b), section E3.4.6, this request for renewal of the ACDE's charter is submitted to you for approval. The ACDE is co-chaired by the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Education or their designees.

In the last 2 years, the ACDE accomplished its mission in recommending general policies for the operation of the defense dependents' education system, providing information and insight from the Department of Education regarding educational programs and practices found to be effective, and advising the Director, DoDEA on the various studies and surveys conducted by and about DoDEA. Since the previous ACDE charter was renewed in February 2008, the ACDE has recommended improvements to major agency initiatives through on-site observations. Some of the more noteworthy recommendations that led to improvements include: (1) review the current career technical/vocational programs to address the 21st century curriculum; and (2) expand the use of technology in the classroom. It is expected that the functions of the ACDE will be able to be absorbed by the existing Dependents' Education Council (DEC) within the next two years. However, the DEC does not have the capability to absorb this function in the near future, and it is critical that the ACDE continue operating until that time.

A legislative proposal to repeal reference (a), "Advisory Council on Dependents' Education," is in the FY 11 Department of Defense OMNIBUS proposal. However, such repeal, if enacted, would not be effective prior to the next fiscal year, and it is imperative that the ACDE continue operating until its functions may be transitioned to the DEC. In



addition, the ACDE is required to hold at least two meetings during the next calendar, and to continue in existence until terminated by law in accordance with reference (a).

Therefore, I request that you approve the ACDE's charter renewal.

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Clifford L. Stanley

C H A R T E R
Advisory Council on Dependents' Education

- A. Official Designation: The Committee shall be known as the Advisory Council on Dependents' Education (hereafter referred to as the Council).
- B. Objectives and Scope of Activities: The Council, under the authority of 20 U.S.C. § 929, shall provide advice and recommendations to the Director, Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) on (a) general policies for operation of the Defense Dependents' Education System, with respect to curriculum selection, administration, and operation of the system; (b) information from other Federal agencies concerned with primary and secondary education with respect to education programs and practices which such agencies have found to be effective and which should be considered for inclusion in the Defense Dependents' Education System; and (c) the design of the study and the selection of contractor referred to in 20 U.S.C. § 930(a). The Council shall perform any other tasks as may be required by the Secretary of Defense or Designee.
- C. Council Membership: The Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Education or their designated representatives shall serve as co-chairs of the Council; and shall appoint individually one additional representative from each department, and jointly, twelve additional Members for a total of sixteen Members. The twelve Members appointed jointly by the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Education, shall be individuals who have demonstrated an interest in the field of primary or secondary education, and who shall include representatives of professional employee organizations, school administrators, parents of students enrolled in the Defense Dependents' Education System, and one student enrolled in the system. Council Members, who are not Federal officers or employees, shall serve as Special Government Employees under the authority of 5 U.S.C. § 3109, and shall be authorized to receive compensation, to include travel and per diem, while on official Council business.

As prescribed by 20 U.S.C. § 929(b) the term of office for each Council Member appointed by the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Education shall be three years, except that (a) any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring before the expiration of the term for which he or she is being appointed shall be appointed only for the remainder of the term; and (b) no member shall serve more than two full terms on the Council. The Director, Department of Defense Education Activity shall serve as the Executive Secretary of the Council.

- D. Council Meetings: The Council shall meet at the call of the Co-Chairs, in consultation with the Designated Federal Officer. The attendance of a majority (at least eight) of the Council Members shall constitute a quorum. The estimated annual number of Council Meetings is two.
- E. Duration of the Board: The requirement for the Council is continual.
- F. Agency Support: The Department of Defense, through the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) and the Director, Department of Defense Education Activity, shall provide support as deemed necessary for the performance of the Council's functions, and shall ensure compliance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, as amended, (5 U.S.C. App.).

G. Termination Date: The Council shall terminate upon repeal of the legislation authorizing the Council.

H. Operating Costs: The estimated annual operating cost for the Council is approximately \$200,000, and .5 full-time equivalents (FTE).

I. Charter Filed: